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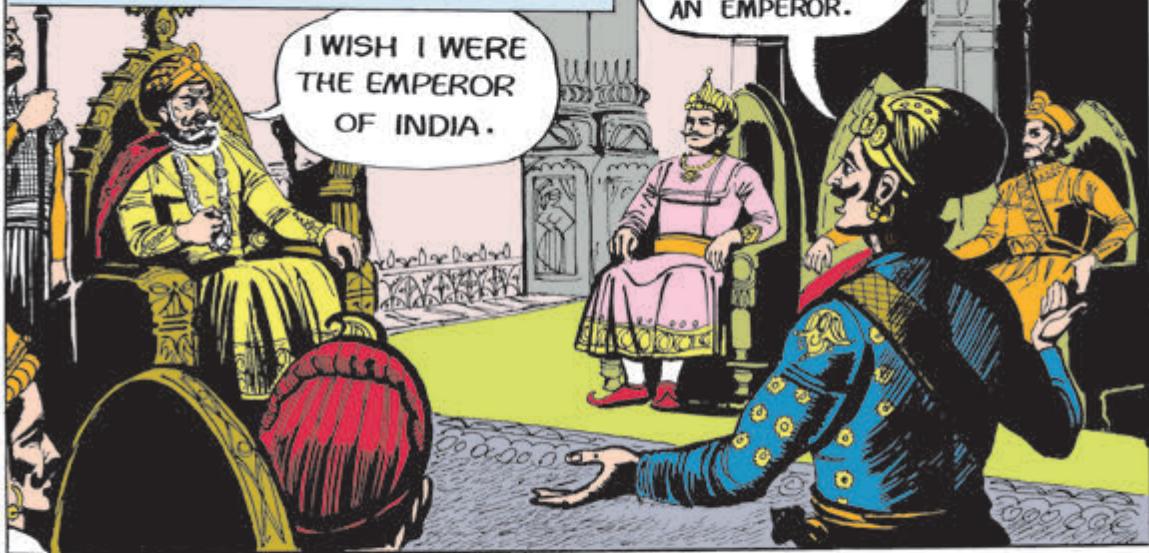


MUCH BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE MUGHALS IN INDIA, DELHI WAS RULED BY A BRAVE KING, PRITHVIRAJ CHAUHAN.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, KANNAUJ, A MUCH BIGGER AND MORE POWERFUL KINGDOM THAN DELHI, WAS RULED BY JAICHAND.

MAHARAJ, YOU HAVE ONLY TO PERFORM THE RAJASUYA YAGNA TO BECOME AN EMPEROR.

I WISH I WERE THE EMPEROR OF INDIA.



A GOOD IDEA. THOSE WHO DARE OPPOSE ME SHALL BE DESTROYED.

INFORM ALL THE KINGS THAT THEY SHOULD ACCEPT ME AS THEIR MASTER AND PARTICIPATE IN MY RAJASUYA YAGNA.

AS YOU WISH,
MAHARAJ!



THE KINGS WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT JAICHAND AS THEIR RULER HAD TO FACE THE MIGHT OF HIS FORCES.



FINALLY, JAICHAND WAS ACCEPTED AS THE SOLE RULER BY ALL THE KINGS EXCEPT ONE.

I AM GLAD THAT ALL THESE KINGS ACCEPT MY SUPREMACY... BUT WHAT ABOUT PRITHVIRAJ?

THE MESSENGER HAS NOT YET RETURNED, MAHARAJ.



PRITHVIRAJ BECAME VERY ANGRY WITH JAICHAND'S MESSENGER. HIS GURU SPOKE TO THE MESSENGER.

GO AND TELL YOUR MASTER THAT DELHI WILL HAVE ONLY PRITHVIRAJ AS ITS KING.



PRITHVIRAJ WAS SO UPSET BY WHAT HE HAD HEARD THAT TO DROWN HIS ANGER, HE WENT ON A HUNTING EXPEDITION.

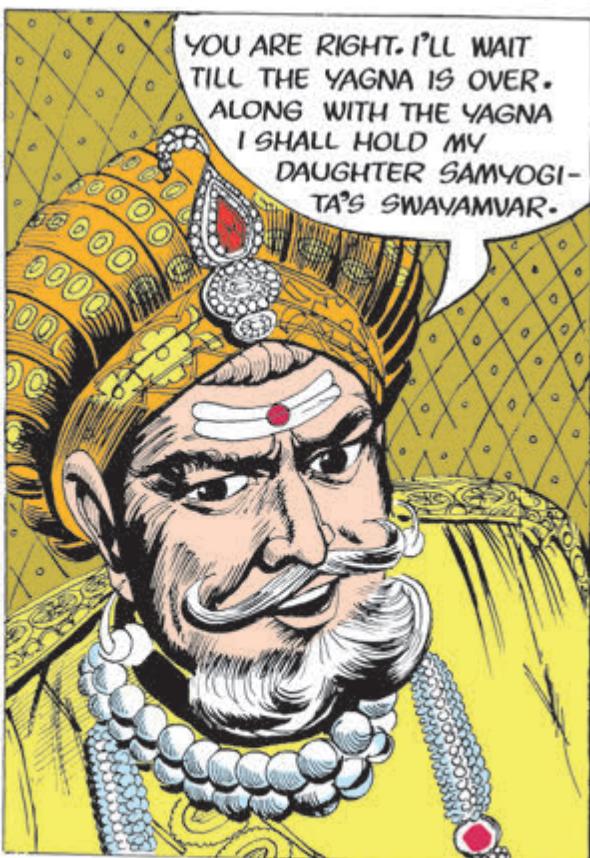


MEANWHILE, JAICHAND'S MESSENGER HAD REACHED KANNAUJ.

MAHARAJ! PRITHVIRAJ HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT YOUR SUPREMACY.

I SHALL ATTACK DELHI AND PUNISH HIM.

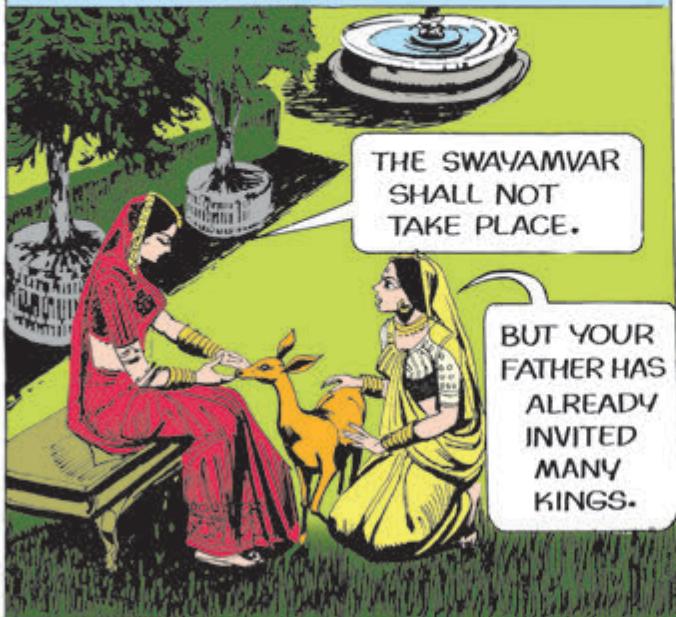
BUT MAHARAJ, THE DATE OF THE YAGNA IS VERY NEAR. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ATTACK DELHI.



YOU ARE RIGHT. I'LL WAIT TILL THE YAGNA IS OVER. ALONG WITH THE YAGNA I SHALL HOLD MY DAUGHTER SAMYOGITA'S SWAYAMVAR.



BUT HAVING LISTENED TO MANY TALES OF PRITHVIRAJ'S BRAVERY, SAMYOGITA HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM WITHOUT EVEN MEETING HIM.



I WILL NOT CHOOSE ANY OF THEM. I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN MAHARAJ PRITHVIRAJ.



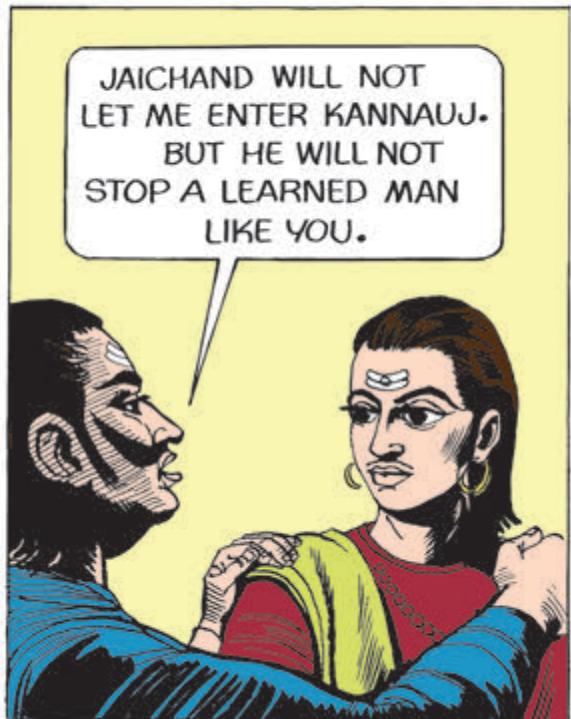
BUT YOUR FATHER DOESN'T LIKE HIM.



THE NEWS OF BOTH, THE HUMILIATION PLANNED FOR HIM BY JAICHAND, AND SAMYOGITA'S LOVE FOR HIM REACHED PRITHVIRAJ.

CHAND, MY FRIEND, MY HONOUR IS AT STAKE. I MUST MARRY SAMYOGITA.





CHAND WAS RECEIVED WITH HONOUR BY JAICHAND.

I HAVE HEARD THAT PRITHVIRAJ IS A GOOD FIGHTER.

YES, HE CAN STRIKE FIFTY TIMES BEFORE HIS ENEMY EVEN RAISES HIS SWORD.



JAICHAND DID NOT LIKE CHAND'S REPLY BUT HE KEPT QUIET.

GO AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR GUEST'S STAY.



THEN JAICHAND RETIRED TO HIS PALACE.



NEXT MORNING KING JAICHAND VISITED CHAND.

I HOPE YOU ARE COMFORTABLE HERE.

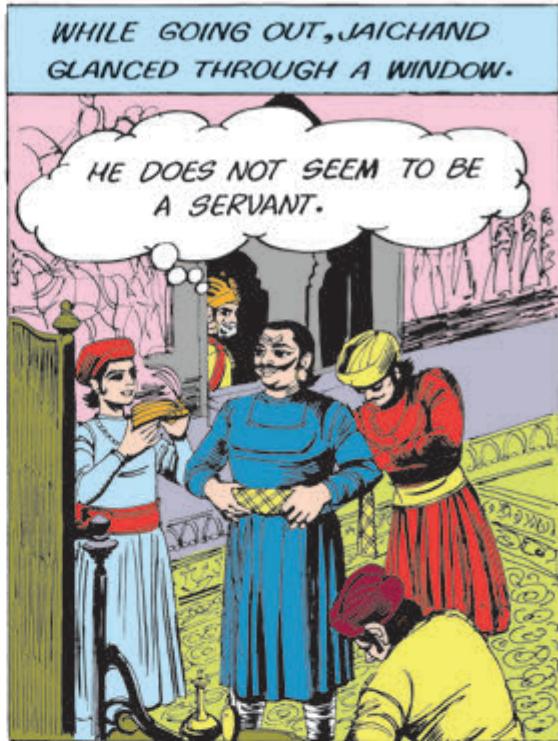
WE ARE. PLEASE SIT DOWN.



JAICHAND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE PERSONALITY OF THE BETEL-CARRIER.

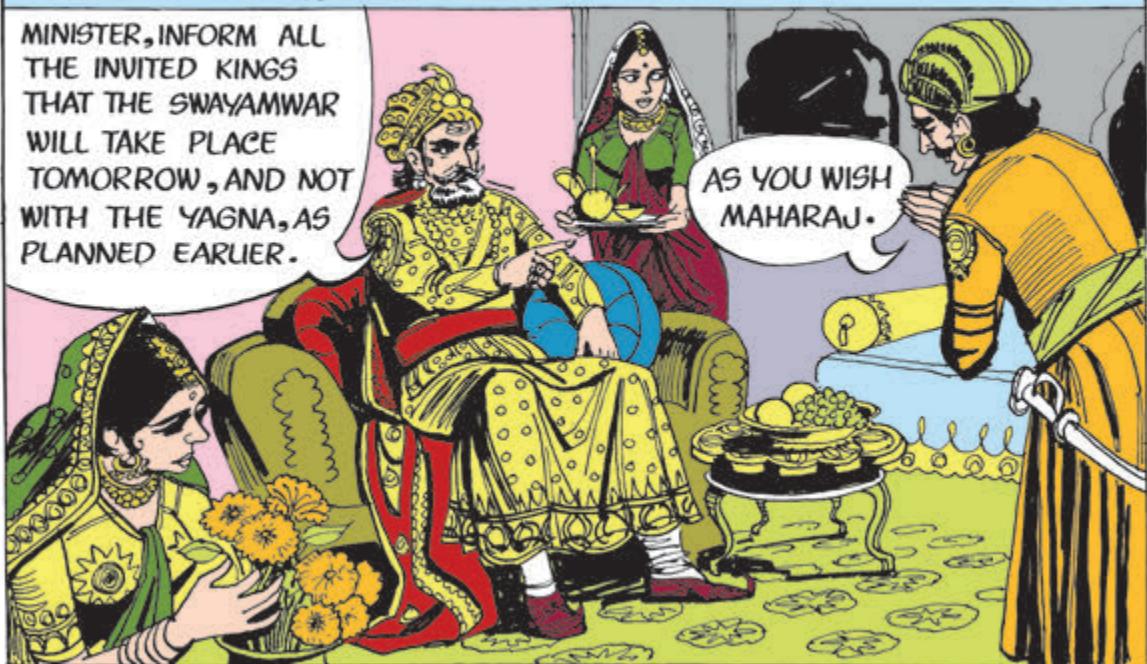
THIS MAN IS NOT AN ORDINARY SERVANT.





JAICHAND KNEW THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD DECIDED TO MARRY PRITHVIRAJ AT ANY COST. HE QUICKLY CHANGED HIS PLANS.

MINISTER, INFORM ALL THE INVITED KINGS THAT THE SWAYAMWAR WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, AND NOT WITH THE YAGNA, AS PLANNED EARLIER.



AN EXCITED SOLDIER HURRIED TO PRITHVIRAJ.

MAHARAJ, WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE. THE SWAYAMWAR IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

SO SOON?

YES, AND JAICHAND IS GOING TO PLACE YOUR STATUE AT THE GATE TO HUMILIATE YOU.

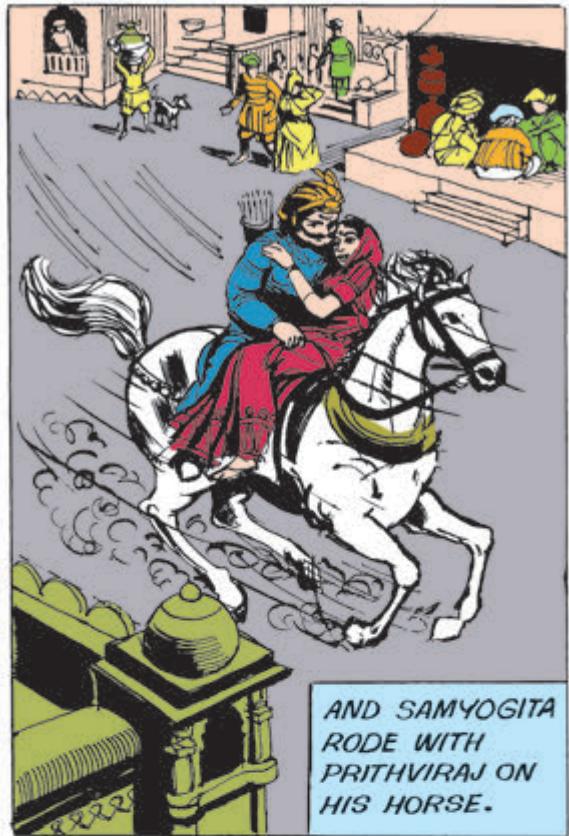
HE SHALL PAY DEARLY FOR HUMILIATING ME THUS.



NEXT DAY AT THE SWAYAMWAR, PRITHVIRAJ'S STATUE WAS PLACED NEAR THE GATE AND SAMYOGITA WAS LED TO SELECT HER HUSBAND, FROM AMONG THE ASSEMBLED KINGS, ACCCOMPANIED BY THEIR *CHARANS



*CHARANS- POET WHO ACCOMPANIED KINGS TO SWAYAMWARS TO SING THEIR PRAISES WHEN THE PRINCES APPROACHED.



BUT WITHIN NO TIME JAICHAND'S HUGE ARMY HAD SURROUNDED THEM.

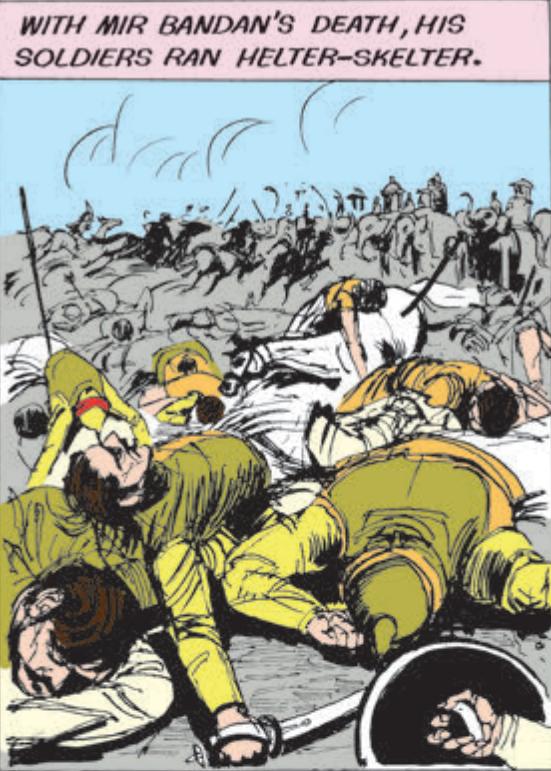
ATTACK AND CAPTURE
PRITHVIRAJ AT ANY COST.



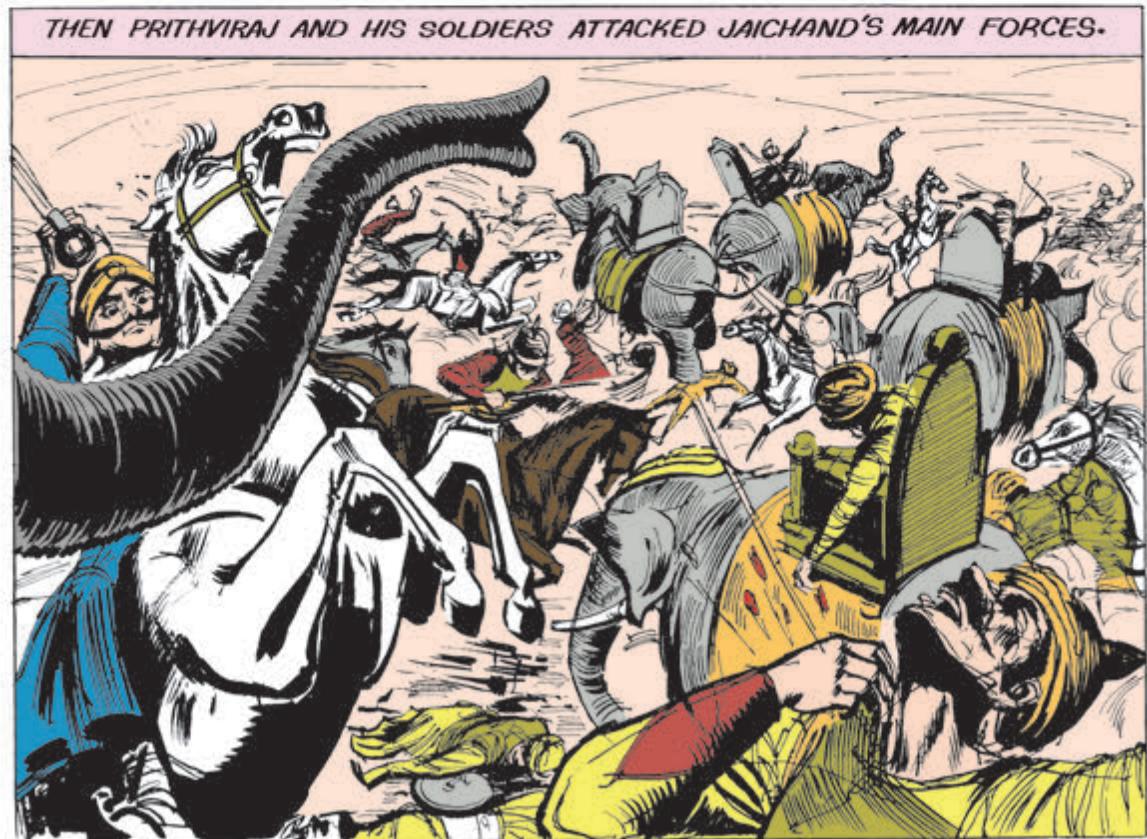
THE FIRST ATTACK ON PRITHVIRAJ WAS LED BY MIR BANDAN –
A PERSIAN OFFICER IN JAICHAND'S ARMY.



BUT MIR BANDAN WAS
NO MATCH FOR PRITHVIRAJ.



WITH MIR BANDAN'S DEATH, HIS
SOLDIERS RAN HELTER-SKELTER.



VICTORY
TO
MAHARAJ
PRITHVIRAJ!



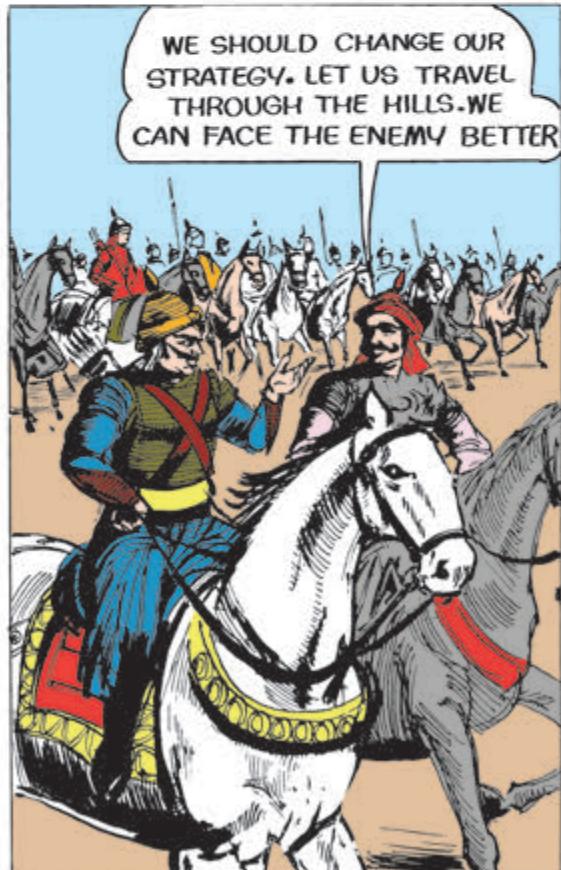
SOON PRITHVIRAJ WITH HIS SOLDIERS CRASHED THROUGH THE ENEMY LINES. THE SOLDIERS WERE JUBILANT.



BUT THEIR JOY WAS SHORT LIVED. CUNNING JAICHAND HAD PLACED MORE SOLDIERS FARTHER DOWN THE ROUTE.



THIS TIME PRITHVIRAJ WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. BUT HE PULLED THE ARROW OUT.



THOUGH THEY PROVIDED SAFETY, THE HILLS CHECKED THE SPEED OF PRITHVIRAJ'S SOLDIERS. SO, THE ENEMY STARTED COMING CLOSER. ON A NARROW HILLY PATH —

WE WILL LEAVE ONE WARRIOR HERE TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY AND THE OTHERS WILL PROCEED TO DELHI.

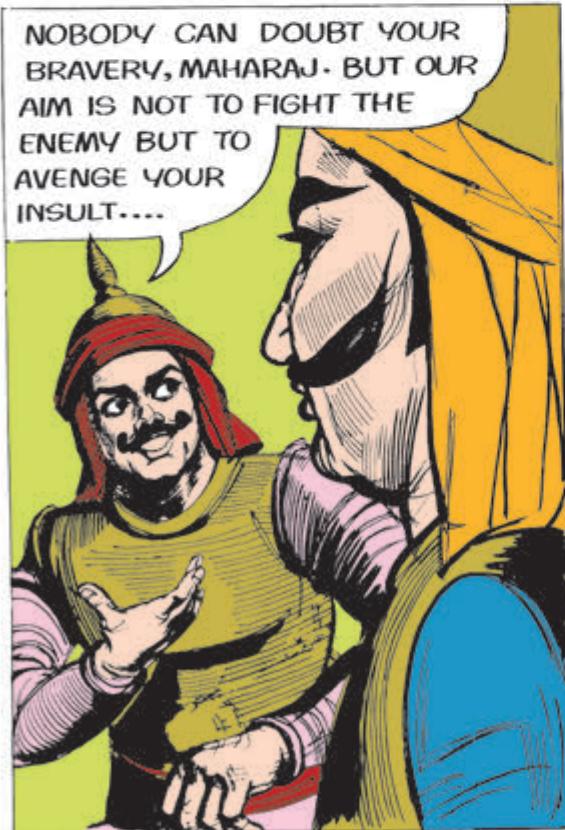
NO...



... I AM NOT A COWARD, I WILL STAY HERE AND FACE THE ENEMY.



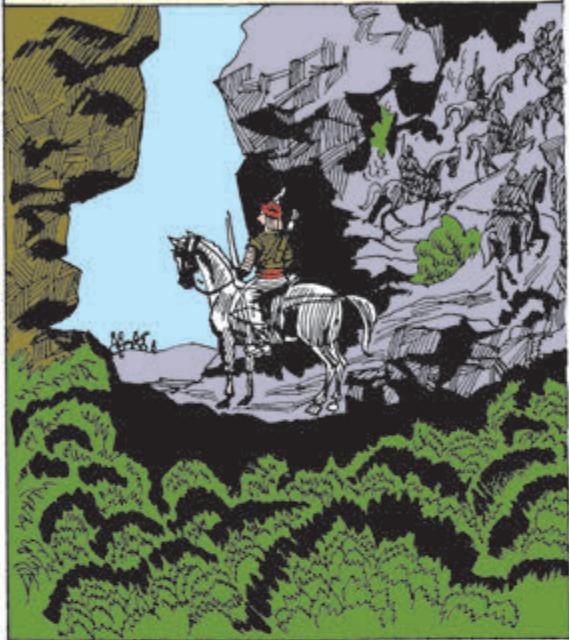
NOBODY CAN DOUBT YOUR BRAVERY, MAHARAJ. BUT OUR AIM IS NOT TO FIGHT THE ENEMY BUT TO AVENGE YOUR INSULT....



.... AND THAT PURPOSE WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED IF YOU DO NOT REACH DELHI WITH YOUR BRIDE.



AFTER QUITE SOME PERSUASION,
PRITHVIRAJ AGREED AND THEY
LEFT BAGH RAI BEHIND TO CHECK
THE ENEMY.



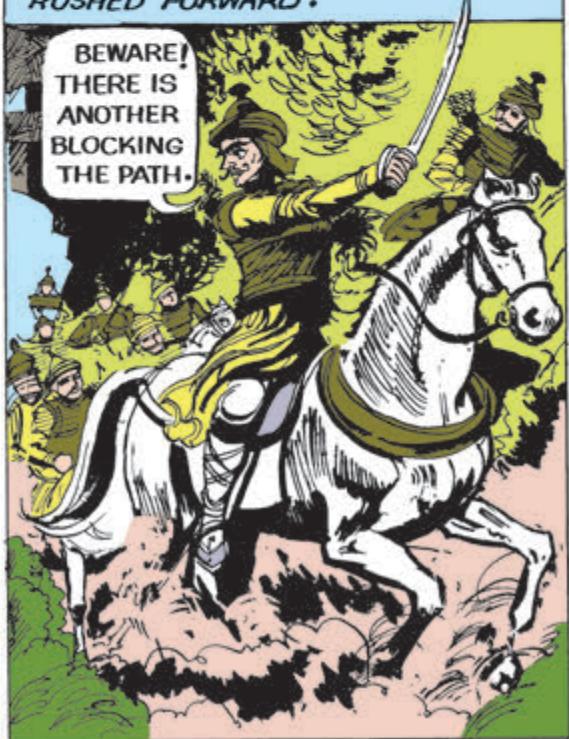
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FIGHTER.

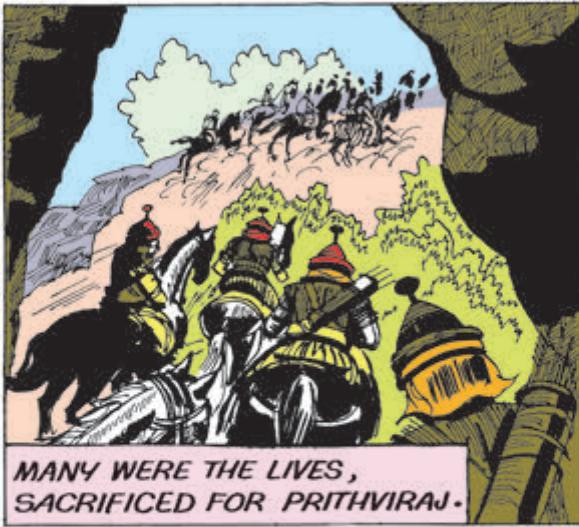


BUT HE WAS GREATLY
OUTNUMBERED.



AFTER THE DEATH OF BAGH RAI, THE
JUBILANT FORCES OF THE ENEMY
RUSHED FORWARD.





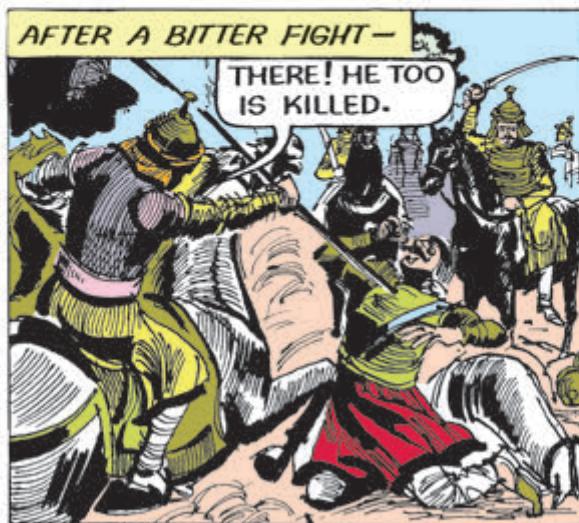
MANY WERE THE LIVES,
SACRIFICED FOR PRITHVIRAJ.



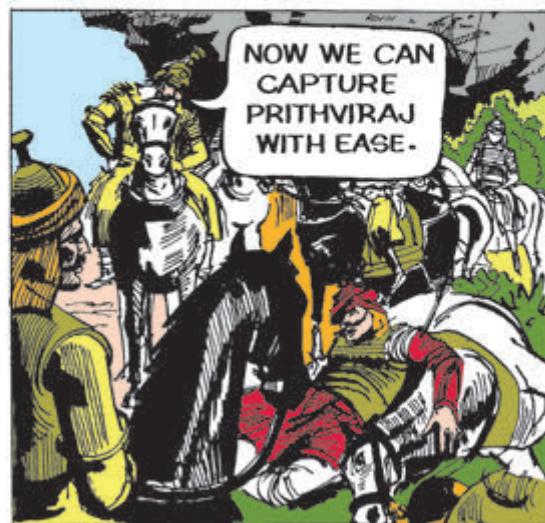
KANH, THE COMMANDER OF
PRITHVIRAJ'S ARMY, DECIDED TO
CHECK THE ENEMY HIMSELF.



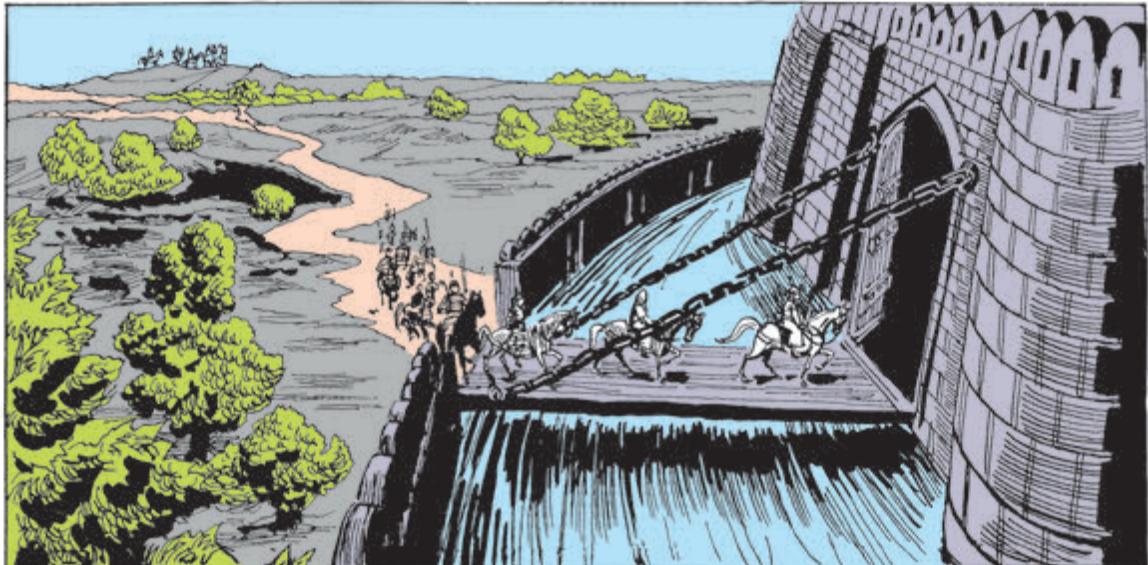
EVEN KANH'S HORSE ATTACKED THE ENEMY.



AFTER A BITTER FIGHT—
THERE! HE TOO IS KILLED.



NOW WE CAN
CAPTURE
PRITHVIRAJ
WITH EASE.



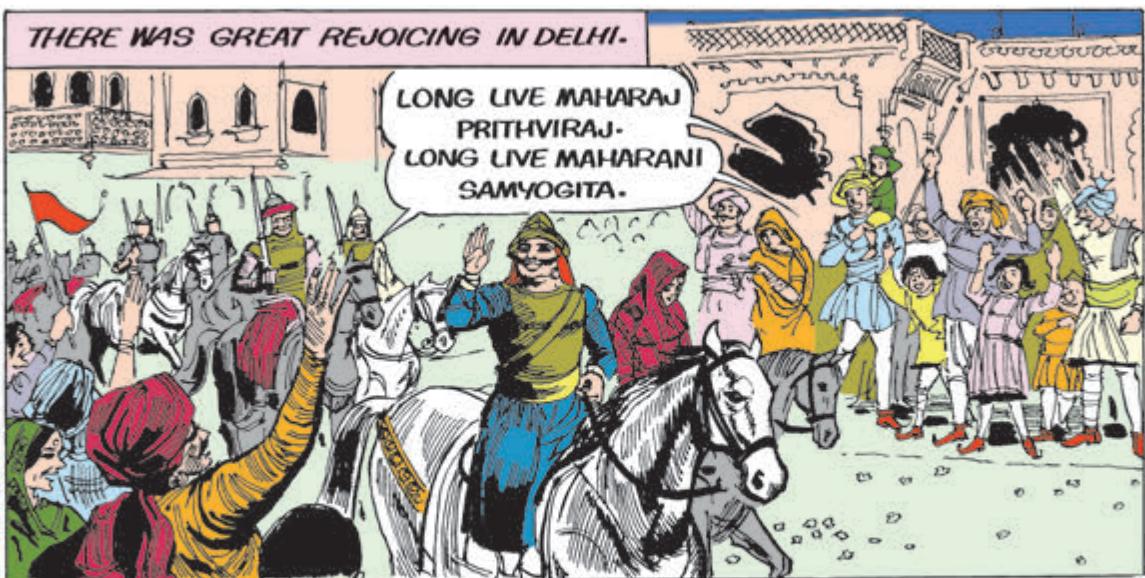
BUT BY THEN, IT WAS TOO LATE. PRITHVIRAJ HAD REACHED HIS FORT IN DELHI.



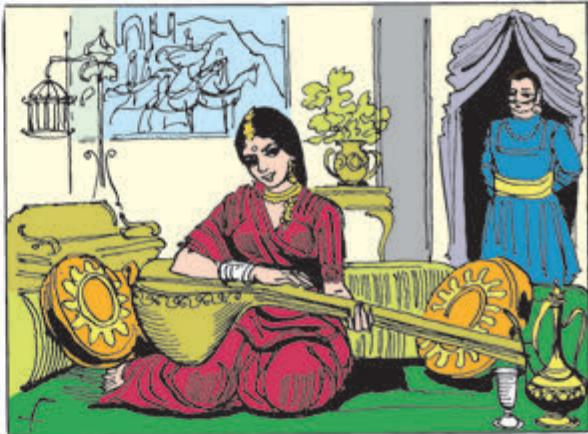
AFAIR TO FIGHT PRITHVIRAJ'S VAST ARMY, THE FRUSTRATED JAICHAND WENT BACK.

THERE WAS GREAT REJOICING IN DELHI.

LONG LIVE MAHARAJ
PRITHVIRAJ.
LONG LIVE MAHARANI
SAMYOGITA.



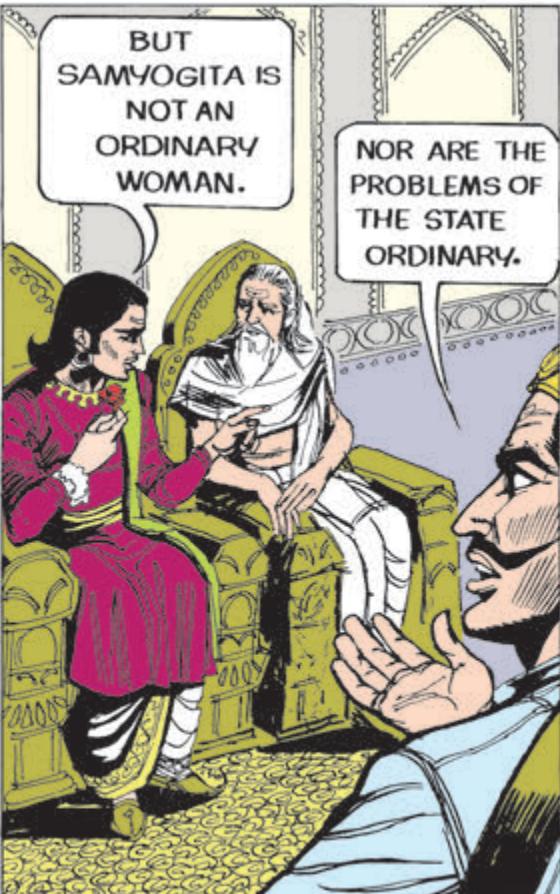
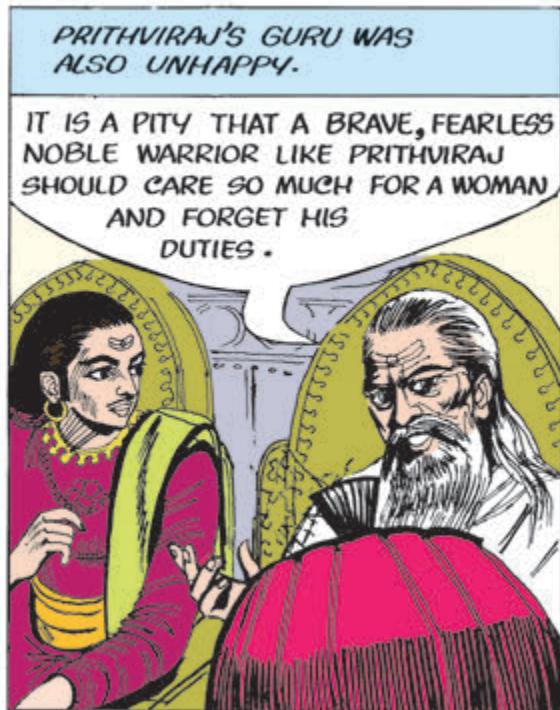
NOW THAT PEACE REIGNED,
PRITHVIRAJ WAS LOST IN HIS
LADY'S LOVE.



WE HAVE
NOT SEEN OUR
KING FOR A
LONG TIME.

HE
DOESN'T EVEN
COME OUT
OF HIS
PALACE.







THIS TIME GHORI WAS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AS JAICHAND HAD PROMISED TO HELP HIM IF NECESSARY.



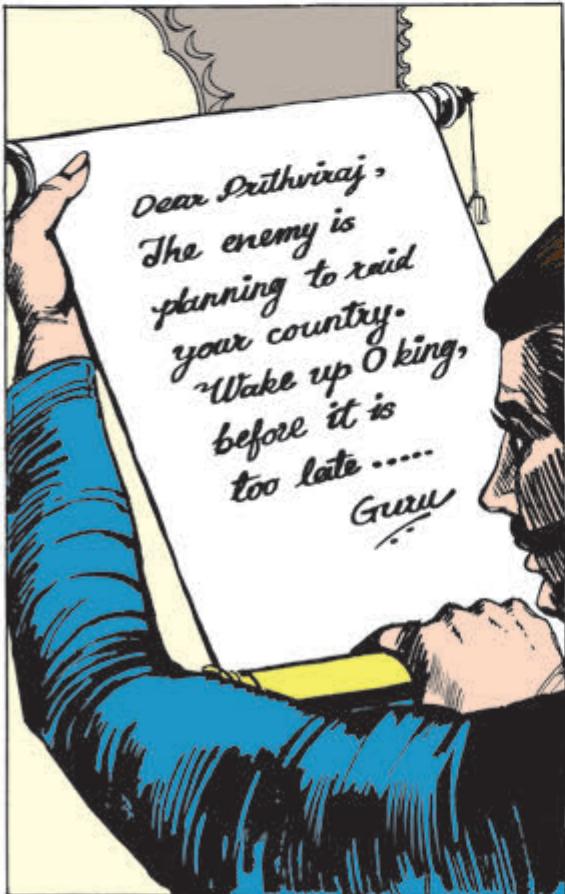
AND THUS WITH THE HELP OF THE TREACHEROUS JAICHAND SHAH-BUDDIN THIS TIME RAISED A MUCH LARGER FORCE.



THE NOBLES OF DELHI WERE WORRIED BY THE ADVANCE OF SHAHABUDDIN'S FORCES.

BUT HOW CAN WE INFORM THE KING? HE GETS ANGRY WHEN DISTURBED.

I WILL WRITE HIM A LETTER.



PRITHVIRAJ'S FORCES HAD GROWN WEAK AS HE HAD LOST THE COMMANDER AND THE CREAM OF HIS WARRIORS IN THE BATTLE WITH JAICHAND. BUT HE GATHERED THE REMAINING SOLDIERS AND LED THEM TO FACE THE ENEMY.

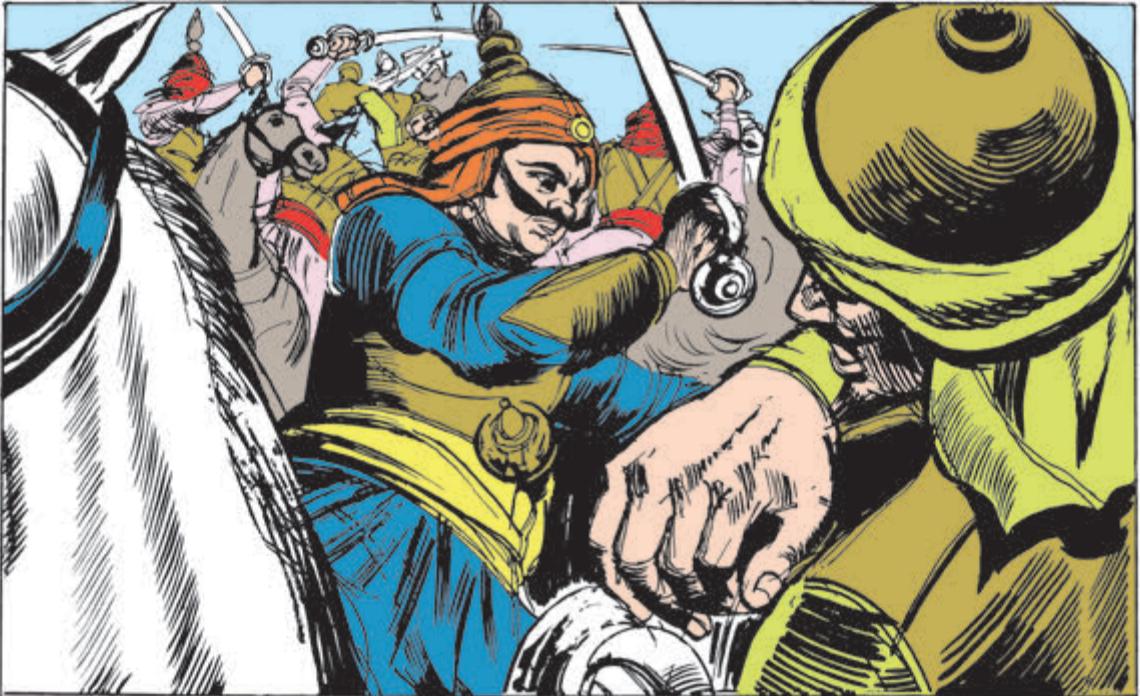


SHAHABUDDIN GHORI'S FORCES WERE LED BY
THREE VETERAN OFFICERS.



SOON THE TWO ARMIES WERE FIGHTING EACH OTHER.



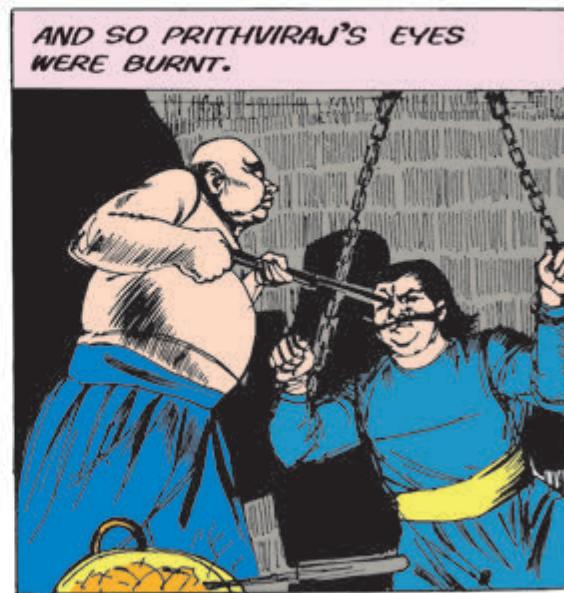
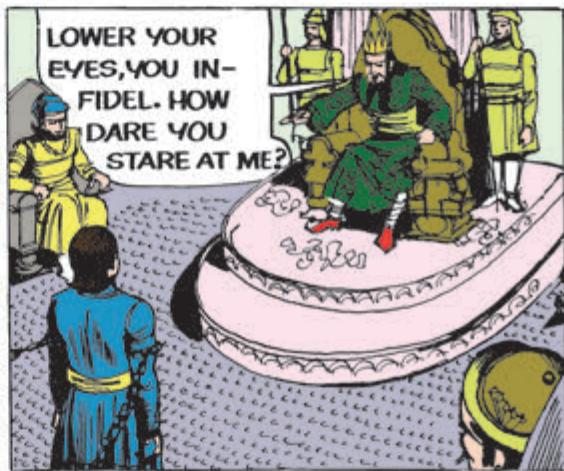


PRITHVIRAJ AND HIS SOLDIERS FOUGHT WITH EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY.



BUT PRITHVIRAJ'S SMALL FORCE WAS MASSACRED AND HE WAS CAPTURED BY GHORI'S SOLDIERS.

CAPTIVE PRITHVIRAJ WAS TAKEN TO GHAZNI.



WHEN POET CHAND HEARD ABOUT PRITHVIRAJ'S FATE, HE DRESSED AS A SADHU AND STARTED AT ONCE FOR GHAZNI.



CHAND MET SHAHABUDDIN WHEN HE WAS PRACTISING ARCHERY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY AIM?



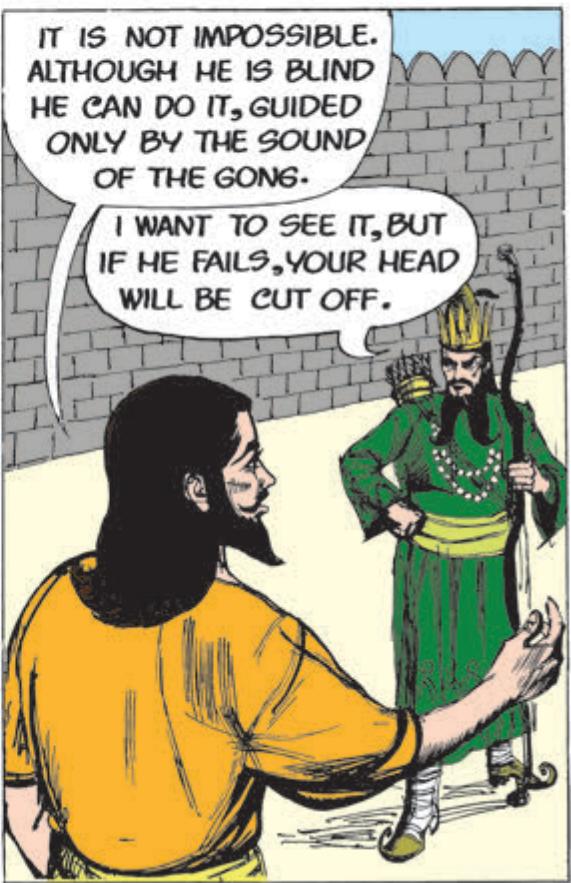
.... HE CAN PIERCE A METAL GONG WITH A HEADLESS ARROW.

IMPOSSIBLE.



IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH HE IS BLIND HE CAN DO IT, GUIDED ONLY BY THE SOUND OF THE GONG.

I WANT TO SEE IT, BUT IF HE FAILS, YOUR HEAD WILL BE CUT OFF.



CHAND MET PRITHVIRAJ IN THE PRISON AND TOLD HIM OF HIS PLAN.

YOU CAN KILL SHAHABUDDIN DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AND AVENGE YOUR INSULT. AND THEN WE CAN STAB EACH OTHER.

BUT
HOW WILL I
KNOW
WHERE HE
IS SITTING.

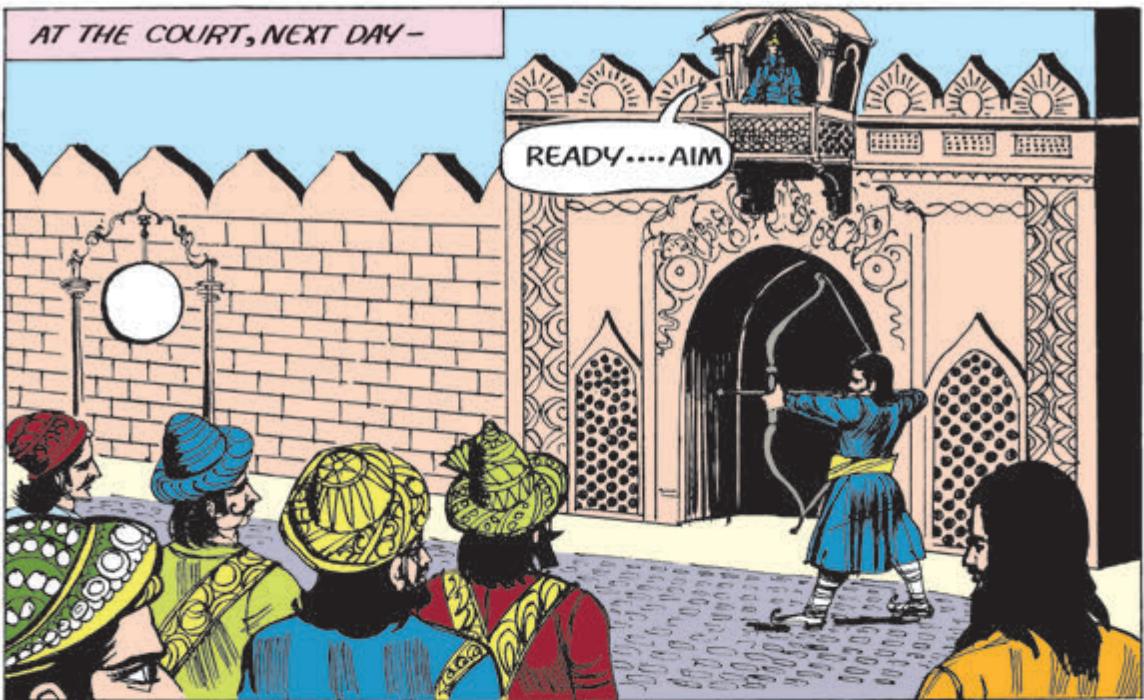
LEAVE THAT
TO ME.

ALL RIGHT

MAHARAJ PRITHVIRAJ HAS TO GIVE A DEMONSTRATION. BUT SINCE HE IS A KING, HE WILL NOT OBEY A COMMON MAN'S ORDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO ORDER HIM TO SHOOT.

AGREED

AT THE COURT, NEXT DAY -



AT THE LAST ORDER, PRITHVIRAJ WHIRLED ROUND AND AIMED AT SHAHABUDDIN
GUIDED BY HIS VOICE.

SHOOT.....aaa....ah



PRITHVIRAJ LEARNT FROM HIS KEEN SENSE OF HEARING THAT HIS ENEMY WAS DEAD.



TO AVOID A HUMILIATING DEATH AT THE HANDS OF ENEMY SOLDIERS CHAND AND PRITHVIRAJ STABBED EACH OTHER AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.



WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

<p>EPICS AND MYTHOLOGY <i>Best known stories from the Epics and the Puranas</i></p> <p>Abhimanyu Agastya Andhaka Aniruddha Aruni And Uttanka Ashwini Kumars Ayyappan Bahubali Bhanumati Bheema And Hanuman Bheeshma Chandrahasa Dasharatha Dhruba And Ashtavakra Draupadi Drona Elephanta Gandhari Ganesha Ganesha And The Moon Ganga Garuda Ghatotkacha Hanuman Hanuman To The Rescue Harischandra Heroes Of Hampi Indra And Shachi Indra And Shibi Indra And Vritra Jagannatha Of Puri Jayadratha Kacha And Devayani Karna Kartikeya Konark Krishna Krishna And Jarasandha Krishna And Narakasura Krishna And Rukmini Krishna And Shishupala Krishna And The False Vaasudeva Kubera Kumbhakarna Mahabharata Mahiravana Nachiketa Nahusha Nala Damayanti Pareekshit Parashurama Prabhavati Pradyumna Prahlad Purushottam Dev And Padmavati Rama Ravana Humbled Saraswati Sati And Shiva Savitri Shiva Parvati Stories of Creation Subhadra Sudama Sukanya Surya Tales From The Upanishads Tales Of Arjuna Tales Of Balarama Tales Of Durga Tales Of Indra Tales Of Narada</p>	<p>Tales Of Shiva Tales Of Vishnu Tales Of Yudhishtira Tapati Thanjavur The Churning Of The Ocean The Gita The Golden Mongoose The King In A Parrot's Body The Lord Of Lanka The Pandava Princes The Pandavas In Hiding The Parijata Tree The Sons Of Rama The Syanamanta Gem Tirupati Tripura Uloopi Vaishno Devi Vali Vishwamitra Yayati</p> <p>VISIONARIES <i>Inspiring tales of thinkers, social reformers and nation builders</i></p> <p>Adi Shankara Albert Einstein Anant Pai Babasaheb Ambedkar Basaveshwara Buddha Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Chanakya Chokha Mela Dayananda Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das Eknath Fa Hien Ghanshyamdas Birla Guru Arjan Guru Gobind Singh Guru Har Gobind Guru Nanak Guru Tegh Bahadur Hiuen Tsang J.R.D Tata Jagadis Chandra Bose Jamsetji Tata Jawaharlal Nehru Jayaprakash Narayan Jim Corbett Jnaneshwar Kabir Kalidas Lal Bahadur Shastri Lokmanya Tilak M. 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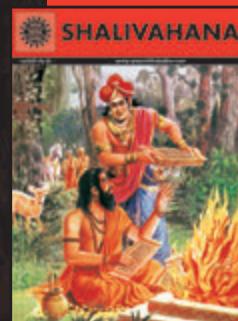
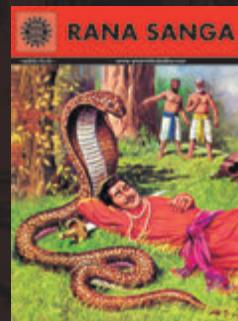
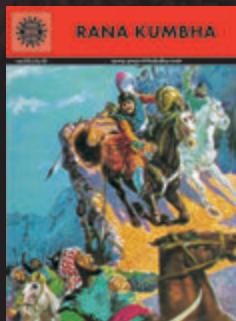


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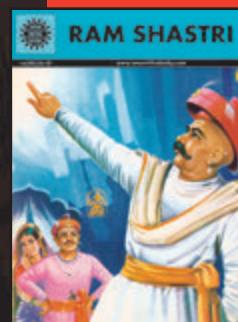
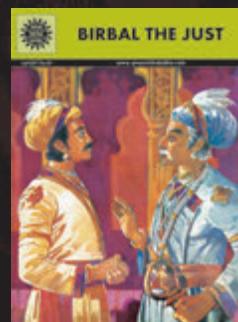
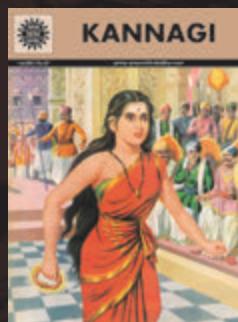
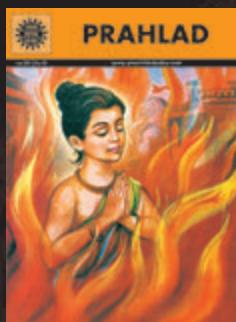
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